

Continuing Medical Education for Licensure Reregistration

Sixty-two boards require continuing medical education (CME) for license reregistration. Some states also mandate CME content, such as HIV/AIDS, risk management, or end of life palliative care. In addition, many states also require that a certain percentage of CME be *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* or equivalent. Forty-three states accept the AMA PRA certificate or application as equivalent for purposes of licensure reregistration. Also accepted by some states are certificates/awards of the American Osteopathic Association (11), American Board of Medical Specialties (27), a state medical society (10), and a national specialty society (6) as well as completion of graduate medical education residency/fellowship programs (31).

Additional Notes for Specific Licensing Jurisdictions

California MD and DO—All general internists and family physicians who have a patient population of which more than 25% are 65 years of age or older shall complete at least 20 hours of all mandatory continuing education in geriatric medicine or the care of older patients.

All physicians and surgeons (except pathologists and radiologists) must complete mandatory continuing education in the subjects of pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients (one-time requirement of 12 credits). Physicians must complete this requirement by their second license renewal date or within 4 years, whichever comes first.

Florida MD—*First time license renewal:* One hour HIV/AIDS, 2 hours in prevention of medical errors. *Second and subsequent renewals:* Two hours in prevention of medical errors. *Every third renewal:* Forty hours, including 2 hours in prevention of medical errors and 2 hours in domestic violence CME. *Note:* End-of-life care and palliative care can no longer be completed in lieu of HIV/AIDS or domestic violence courses.

All CME must be *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, except for domestic violence and prevention of medical errors. Domestic violence and prevention of medical errors courses offered by any state or federal government agency or professional association, including any provider of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, is acceptable.

Florida DO—*First time license renewal:* One hour HIV/AIDS, risk management, Florida laws and rules, controlled substances; 2 hours domestic violence and prevention of medical errors. Of the remaining required

hours, at least 20 must be AOA Category 1-A. *Second and subsequent renewals:* One hour each in risk management, Florida laws and rules, and controlled substances; 2 hours each in domestic violence and prevention of medical errors. *Every third renewal:* 2 hours of domestic violence. *For each license renewal,* of the remaining required hours at least 20 must be AOA Category 1-A; all other hours (including those in the required content categories) can be either *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* or AOA Category 1-A credit.

Continuing medical education with regard to risk management, Florida laws and rules, controlled substances, and the prevention of medical errors must be obtained by completing live, participatory attendance courses.

Maryland—Partial CME credit is offered for ABMS certification, select peer review, serving as an intervenor or monitor on a physician rehabilitation committee or professional committee, and serving as a preceptor for resident physicians or medical students. For first license renewal, the CME requirement is waived, but the licensee must have completed an approved orientation program.

Missouri—The CME license renewal requirement can be met by a) completing 50 hours *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*, AOA Category 1-A or 2-A credits, or AAFP Prescribed credits; b) completing 40 hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* or AOA Category 1-A credit if each course, seminar, or activity includes a post-test of the material covered in the 40 CME credits; c) specialty board certification or recertification; or d) participating in an ACGME- or AOA-approved internship or residency program during the reporting period if at least 60 days of the reporting period were spent in the internship or residency.

New Jersey—The six credits for cultural competence are in addition to the 100-hour requirement for physicians licensed prior to 3/24/05; these credits may be included if licensed after this date. For more information, see: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme/press/cultural.htm.

For newly licensed physicians, the Board requires attendance at an orientation program; no CME is given for this.

Tennessee—Physicians who focus on providing care to persons with intractable pain should refer to item (6)(c) at: www.painpolicy.wisc.edu/domestic/states/TN/mbreg.pdf

Washington MD—The board classifies CME into five different categories. A candidate for relicensure may earn all 200 required hours every 4 years in Category 1; a maximum of 80 hours may be earned in any of the other four categories. See: <http://tinyurl.com/6gbd8w>

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	Required Number of CME Credits per Year(s)	Average Credits per Year	AMA PRA Category 1™ or Equivalent AOA, AAFP or ACOG Credits	Certificates/Awards Accepted as Documentation								State-Mandated CME Content/ Additional Notes	
				AMA PRA	AMA PRA app.	AOA	ABMS	SMS	NSS	GME	Other		
Alabama	12 1 yr	12	12				Yes						
Alaska	50 2 yrs	25	50	Yes			Yes				Yes		
Arizona	40 2 yrs	20		Yes	Yes		Yes				Yes		
Arizona DO	40 2 yrs	20	12 per yr (AOA 1-A)			Yes	Yes				Yes		12 AOA 1-A credits per year
Arkansas	20 1 yr	20	not specified	Yes		Yes					Yes		
California*	100 4 yrs	25	100		Yes		Yes	Yes					Pain management, geriatric medicine, end-of-life care (see note)
California DO*	150 3 yrs	50	60 (AOA 1-A or B)			Yes*							Pain management, geriatric medicine, end-of-life care (see note); AOA cert. accepted when accompanied by AOA activity registration
Colorado	none												
Connecticut	50 2 yrs	25											Infectious disease, risk management, sexual assault, domestic violence
Delaware	40 2 yrs	20	40		Yes								
DC	50 2 yrs	25	50		Yes	Yes					Yes		
Florida*	40 2 yrs	20	40	Yes							Yes		See note
Florida DO*	40 2 yrs	20	20 (AOA 1-A)		Yes						Yes		See note
Georgia	40 2 yrs	20	40		Yes						Yes		
Guam	100 2 yrs	50	25		Yes	Yes				Yes		ACEP	Ethics (2 credits every 2 years)
Hawaii	40 2 yrs	20	40	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes			
Idaho	40 2 yrs	20	40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
Illinois	150 3 yrs	50	60	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes			SMS, NSS if ACCME-accredited
Indiana	none												
Iowa	40 2 yrs	20	40	Yes			Yes (cert and recert)				Yes		Training for identifying and reporting abuse required every 5 yrs for EM, FM, IM, GP, OB/GYN, and Psych, and others who regularly provide primary care to children and adults
Kansas	50 1 yr	50	20	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes		
Kentucky	60 3 yrs	20	30	Yes		Yes				Yes	Yes		One-time domestic violence course for primary care physicians; 2 credits HIV/AIDS every 10 yrs; course must be KY-approved
Louisiana	20 1 yr	20	20	Yes									One-time board orientation course
Maine	100 2 yrs	50	40	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes		
Maine DO	100 2 yrs	50	40 (AOA 1-A or B)										
Maryland*	50 2 yrs	25	50		Yes		Yes†						† Partial credit for ABMS
Massachusetts	100 2 yrs	50	40 (40 AOA 1-A for DOs)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes					Study board reqs; risk mgmt
Michigan	150 3 yrs	50	75		Yes								75 Category 1 AMA PRA
Michigan DO	150 3 yrs	50	60 (AOA 1-A or B)				Yes				Yes		60 credits Category 1-A or 1-B

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Minnesota	75 3 yrs	25	75	Yes			Yes					MOCOMP	ABMS cert/recert accepted
Mississippi	40 2 yrs	20	40 (DOs: AOA 1-A)		Yes		Yes*				Yes		Initial certification only (not renewal); for DOs, all credit must be AOA 1-A
Missouri*	50 2 yrs	25	50				Yes				Yes		See note
Montana	none												
Nebraska	50 2 yrs	25	50	Yes		Yes							
Nevada	40 2 yrs	20	40		Yes						Yes		Ethics (2 credits), 20 credits in specialty; other 18 credits can be any in Category 1; 4 credits in WMD/bioterrorism (new applicants only)
Nevada DO	35 1 yr	35	10 (AOA 1-A)		Yes	Yes	Yes						
New Hampshire	150 3 yrs	50	60	Yes			Yes				Yes		Credits reported to NH Med Soc; CME reporting cycle changing to 2 yrs
New Jersey*	100 2 yrs	50	40								Yes		Cultural competence
New Mexico	75 3 yrs	25	75	Yes			Yes				Yes		
New Mexico DO	75 3 yrs	25	75	Yes			Yes					USMLE	Active membership in AOA may replace 75 CME credits
New York	none												Infection control, child abuse
North Carolina	150 3 yrs	50	60										
North Dakota	60 3 yrs	20	60	Yes	Yes		Yes					MOCOMP	
Ohio	100 2 yrs	50	40 (DOs: AOA 1-A or B)		Yes	Yes							CME must be OSMA/OOA-certified
Oklahoma	60 3 yrs	20	60	Yes			Yes				Yes†		†50 hrs for each yr of GME
Oklahoma DO	16 1 yr	16	16 (AOA 1-A or 1-B)										1 credit on prescribing controlled substances (every 2 yrs)
Oregon	7 (by 2009)	—	—										Pain management and end-of-life care, completed by 1/2/09
Pennsylvania	100 2 yrs	50	20					Yes			Yes		12 credits risk management or patient safety
Pennsylvania DO	100 2 yrs	50	20 (AOA 1-A)										12 credits risk management and patient safety
Puerto Rico	60 3 yrs	20	40	Yes									
Rhode Island	40 2 yrs	20	40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2 credits: universal precautions, bioterrorism, end of life, OHSA, ethics, or pain management
South Carolina	40 2 yrs	20	40				Yes				Yes		75% specialty education (30 credits every 2 years)
South Dakota	none												
Tennessee	40 2 yrs	20	40	Yes									Appropriate prescribing (1 credit every 2 years)
Tennessee DO	40 2 yrs	20	40 (AOA 1-A or 2-A)										See note above
Texas	24 1 yr	24	12 (12 AOA 1-A for DOs)	Yes			Yes				Yes		Of 12 Category 1 credits, at least 1 in ethics and/or prof. responsibility

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Utah	40	2 yrs	20	40								Yes	
Utah DO	40	2 yrs	20	40								Yes	
Vermont	none												
Vermont DO	30	2 yrs	15		Yes								At least 12 of 30 credits must be osteopathic med education
Virgin Islands	25	1 yr	25	25									
Virginia	60	2 yrs	30	30		Yes						Yes	
Washington	200	4 yrs	50	Not specified	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes			
Washington DO	150	3 yrs	50	60 (AOA 1-A or B)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	(See note)	Also accepted as equivalent: Current certification of CME from medical practice academies and original certification or recertification within 6 years by specialty board
West Virginia	50	2 yrs	25	50	Yes								One-time requirement for two credits in end-of-life care, including pain management, and 30 credits related to physician's designated specialty
West Virginia DO	32	2 yrs	16	16 (AOA 1-A or B)									See note above
Wisconsin	30	2 yrs	15	30	Yes								
Wyoming	60	3 yrs	20	60	Yes			Yes					
Total/Average	66	2.2	30	37.8	30	21	11	27	10	6	31	5	

Abbreviations

ABMS—certification or recertification by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties

AMA PRA—American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award

AOA—American Osteopathic Association

AAFP—American Academy of Family Practice

ACEP—American College of Emergency Physicians

ACOG—American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

CMA—California Medical Association

CAFP—California Academy of Family Physicians

CME—continuing medical education

GME—graduate medical education

MOCOMP—Maintenance of Competence Program, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

NSS—National specialty society

OSMA—Ohio State Medical Association

SMS—State medical society

USMLE—United States Medical Licensing Association

* Refer to introductory text to this table for more information on this state's regulations.

Note: All information should be verified with licensing board; medical licenses are granted to those physicians meeting all state requirements—at the discretion of the board.